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2	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
4	BEFORE THE HONORABLE PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON, JUDGE
5	FREE KICK MASTER, LLC,
6	PLAINTIFF, )
7	VS. ) NO. C 15-3403 PJH
8	APPLE, INC, ET AL.,
9	) OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
10	DEFENDANT. ) WEDNESDAY ) SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 ) 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M.
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12	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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1	SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M.
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3	PROCEEDINGS
4	THE CLERK: CALLING CIVIL CASE NUMBER 15-3403, FREE
5	KICK MASTER VERSUS APPLE INCORPORATED.
6	COUNSELS, PLEASE STEP FORWARD AND STATE YOUR APPEARANCES.
7	MR. PAGE: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. MICHAEL PAGE FOR
8	GOGGLE AND AMAZON.
9	THE COURT: GOOD MORNING. WHERE IS EVERYONE?
10	MR. PAGE: IT'S AN INTERESTING QUESTION. WE HAVEN'T
11	HEARD FROM THEM.
12	MR. ULIN: THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION.
13	THE COURT: WELL, THEY CHECKED IN. WE HAVE NAMES DOWN.
14	MR. PAGE: FREE KICK? YOU GUYS FROM FREE KICK?
15	MR. SCHUROWLIEW: YES.
16	MR. PAGE: YOU'RE UP.
17	MR. ULIN: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. I'M JOHN ULIN
18	FROM ARNOLD & PORTER FOR THE DEFENDANT AND MOVING PARTY SAMSUNG
19	ELECTRONICS AMERICA.
20	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. SO YOU ALL ARE REPRESENTING THE
21	DEFENSE?
22	MR. PAGE: YES.
23	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. YOU ALL ARE ON THIS SIDE.
24	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL, IF YOU'LL COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

MR. ALKANA: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. EUGENE ALKANA

- 1 APPEARING ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF.
- THE COURT: FREE KICK MASTER.
- 3 MR. ALKANA: YES, YOUR HONOR. I DIDN'T HEAR IN THE
- 4 BACK. I'M SORRY.
- 5 THE COURT: THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
- 6 WHO ELSE IS HERE?
- 7 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: VAL SCHUROWLIEW ASSISTING STANLEY
- 8 JOSSELSON ALSO ON BEHALF OF FREE KICK MASTER.
- 9 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING.
- MR. JOSSELSON: YOUR HONOR, GOOD MORNING. I'M STANLEY
- 11 JOSSELSON. WE ARE OUT OF CLEVELAND.
- 12 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT, GOOD MORNING. WE'RE HERE THIS
- MORNING ON THE DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS TO DISMISS. WE'LL START FIRST
- 14 WITH AMAZON AND GOOGLE'S MOTION. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, APPLE IS
- 15 NOT MOVING; HAS ANSWERED AND IS NOT PART OF THIS MOTION.
- 16 CORRECT?
- 17 MR. PAGE: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR. ALTHOUGH THEIR
- 18 COUNSEL IS HERE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THEM.
- 19 THE COURT: COUNSEL FOR APPLE, YOU CAN COME FORWARD, IF
- 20 YOU WANT. YOU CAN PERHAPS HEAR BETTER. YOU'RE WELCOME TO SIT AT
- 21 THE DEFENSE TABLE.
- 22 ALL RIGHT. NOW, WE DO HAVE A JOINT MOTION FILED BY AMAZON
- 23 AND GOOGLE AND SAMSUNG HAS FILED AN INDIVIDUAL MOTION. WE'LL
- 24 START FIRST WITH YOURS.
- MR. PAGE: OKAY, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU.

- 1 WE SEE THIS AS A VERY SIMPLE CASE. THERE ARE BASICALLY
- 2 THREE DIFFERENT TRANCHES OF CLAIMS THE FIRST IS AN CONTRIBUTORY
- 3 TRADEMARK CLAIM. THE LAW'S VERY CLEAR THAT IN ORDER TO STATE A
- 4 CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT CLAIM ONE MUST ALLEGE THAT
- 5 THE CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGER CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT OR
- 6 SERVICES TO THE INFRINGER WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE INFRINGEMENT.
- 7 IN THE INTERNET SPACE ALL OF OUR CLIENTS, ALL OF THE MAJOR
- 8 ISPS DEAL WITH THIS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARDLY. WE ALL HAVE
- 9 TRADEMARK NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS. WHEN SOMEONE NOTIFIES US HAVE AN
- 10 ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT WE REACT BY TAKING DOWN THE INFRINGING WORK
- 11 AND NOTIFY THE PERSON WHO POSTED IT.
- 12 IF THAT PERSON GIVES US A COUNTERNOTIFICATION SAYING:
- "NO, I'M LICENSED," OR "NO, IT'S NOT AN INFRINGEMENT,"
- 14 WE'LL PUT IT BACK UP. WE BASICALLY TREAT IT LIKE A DMCA NOTICE.
- 15 AND THEN, THEY CAN FIGHT IT OUT IN COURT.
- BUT ISPS ARE IN NO POSITION TO KNOW WHETHER ANY PARTICULAR
- 17 WORK, BE IT AN APP IN THIS CASE, OR A SONG OR A MOVIE INFRINGES
- 18 ANYONE'S TRADEMARK RIGHTS. YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO
- 19 SEARCH FOR THE RIGHTS. WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A
- 20 DETERMINATION WHETHER THE WORK FALLS WITHIN THE CLASSES FOR WHICH
- 21 THE WORK IS REGISTERED. IN THIS CASE IT DOES NOT. WE'RE IN NO
- 22 POSITION TO KNOW WHETHER THEY HAVE LICENSED THE USE. WE CAN'T
- JUST WILLY-NILLY TAKE DOWN WORKS, AND THEN TURN AROUND AND FIND
- 24 OUT THAT WE'VE INTERFERED WITH A CONTRACTUAL RELATION WHEN THE
- 25 PERSON WHOSE WORK WE TOOK DOWN SAYS:

- 1 "WAIT A MINUTE. I BOUGHT THE TRADEMARK AND I LICENSED
- 2 IT, AND YOU SHUT DOWN MY BUSINESS."
- 3 SO IN ORDER TO STATE A CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK
- 4 INFRINGEMENT YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT YOU GAVE THE ISP NOTICE, AND
- 5 THEY IGNORED IT.
- AND IN THIS CASE, NO NOTICE WAS GIVEN. NO NOTICE IS PLED.
- 7 THERE ARE NO FACTS ALLEGED WHATSOEVER TO ESTABLISH THAT EITHER
- 8 GOGGLE OR AMAZON HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE, EITHER OF THE EXISTENCE OF
- 9 THE TRADEMARK, OR OF THE CLAIM THAT THESE WORKS THAT WERE
- 10 ALLEGEDLY POSTED BY THIRD PARTIES ON OUR SITES INFRINGE THOSE
- 11 TRADEMARKS.
- 12 THERE IS A SINGLE ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT THAT SAYS THAT
- 13 THE PLAINTIFFS TRIED TO CONTACT THE ISPS. BUT THEN IT CITES ONLY
- 14 TO A LETTER TO SAMSUNG ABOUT A TOTALLY UNRELATED ISSUE. THERE IS
- 15 NO ALLEGATION THAT WE EITHER GOT NOTICE FROM THE PLAINTIFFS OR
- 16 OBTAINED KNOWLEDGE IN ANY OTHER WAY. IN OPPOSITION ALL THEY CAN
- 17 SAY ON THIS POINT IS, AS I BELIEVE I DESCRIBED IT,
- 18 "BREATHTAKINGLY CIRCULAR," WHICH IS THAT THE COMPLAINT SAYS OUR
- 19 ACTIONS WERE WILLFUL. AND SINCE IT SAYS THEY WERE WILLFUL THERE
- 20 MUST BE FACTS THAT CAUSED IT TO BE WILLFUL.
- 21 BUT THERE ARE NO FACTS ALLEGED. IT'S LIKE THE EXACT FLIP OF
- 22 IQBAL AND TWOMBLY. IT'S LIKE IF I STATE THE CONCLUSION YOU MUST
- 23 ASSUME THAT THERE EXISTS FACTS IN THE WORLD THAT WOULD LEAD A
- 24 TRYER OF FACT TO THAT CONCLUSION. IT'S ENTIRELY BACKWARDS. YOU
- 25 CAN'T JUST SAY IT WAS WILLFUL WITHOUT STATING ANY FACTS TO

- 1 SUPPORT IT.
- SO WE BELIEVE THE CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK CLAIM GOES AWAY.
- 3 THE NEXT ONE IS A CLAIM NOR INJUNCTION. THERE IS NO SUCH
- 4 THING. IT'S A REMEDY, NOT A CLAIM.
- 5 AND THEN THE THIRD SET ARE THREE --
- THE COURT: YOU KEEP REFERRING TO IT AS A CONTRIBUTORY
- 7 TRADEMARK CLAIM. PLAINTIFF REFERS TO IT AS A TRADEMARK CLAIM.
- 8 AND, INDEED, LOOKING AT THE COMPLAINT IT JUST SAYS "TRADEMARK
- 9 INFRINGEMENT."
- 10 MR. PAGE: CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT IS A
- 11 FLAVOR OF TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT. YOU CAN CALL IT WHATEVER YOU
- 12 WANT, BUT THERE'S NO ALLEGATION THAT EITHER GOGGLE OR AMAZON
- 13 BRANDED ANY PRODUCTS WITH THIS NAME OR USED THIS NAME IN
- 14 COMMERCE.
- 15 THE ONLY ALLEGATION IS THAT SOMEONE ELSE CALLED THEIR
- 16 APPLICATION THIS, AND THEN PLACED IT ON OUR WEBSITE.
- 17 THEY DON'T DISPUTE IN THEIR OPPOSITION THAT IT'S A
- 18 CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK CLAIM.
- 19 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT.
- 20 MR. PAGE: IT CLEARLY IS.
- THE COURT: YOU'RE JUST CONSTRUING, THOUGH, THE FIRST
- 22 CAUSE OF ACTION WHICH DOESN'T USE THAT WORD AS "CONTRIBUTORY."
- 23 MR. PAGE: RIGHT. IT'S ALL IT CAN BE. THERE'S NO
- 24 ALLEGATIONS THAT WE EVER USED THE MARK IN ANY WAY. JUST THAT THE
- 25 THIRD PARTIES USED IT ON PRODUCTS THEY CREATED AND THEN PUT UP

- 1 FOR SALE ON OUR WEBSITES.
- 2 AND THEN, THE THIRD TRANCHE ARE THREE STATE LAW CLAIMS WHICH
- 3 ARE BARRED BY CDA SECTION 230. UNDER CC BILL, ALL NONFEDERAL IP
- 4 CLAIMS AGAINST ISPS ARE BARRED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY SEEK TO
- 5 HOLD THE ISP RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPEECH OR ACTS OF A THIRD PARTY.
- 6 AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE HERE. THIRD PARTIES ALLEGEDLY
- 7 USED THEIR MARK ON PRODUCTS AND POSTED THEM ON OUR WEBSITE.
- 8 THOSE CLAIMS ARE BARRED BY THE CDA. THE OPPOSITION, QUITE
- 9 FRANKLY, SORT OF WANDERS OFF INTO LANHAM ACT PREEMPTION AND A
- 10 DISCUSSION OF THE FACT THAT STATE AND FEDERAL TRADEMARK RULES ARE
- 11 SIMILAR. BUT NONE OF THAT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH SECTION 230
- 12 PREEMPTION.
- 13 I MEAN, THIS IS -- I THINK THE CLOSEST CASE ON THIS WOULD BE
- 14 ACTUALLY MY OWN, THE CHUBBY CHECKER CASE IN FRONT OF JUDGE ALSUP
- 15 WHERE A MUCH MORE FAMOUS MARK WAS USED ON AN APP THAT WAS POSTED
- 16 TO PALM'S STORE. ALL OF THE SAME ARGUMENTS WERE MADE THAT, YOU
- 17 KNOW, THE APP STORES PROVIDE GUIDELINES. AND STKS TO HELP PEOPLE
- 18 WRITE APPS AND RULES AND THEY POLICE THEIR SITES.
- 19 NONE OF THAT VITIATES SECTION 230 IMMUNITY. THE BOTTOM LINE
- 20 IS IF WE DIDN'T WRITE IT AND WE DIDN'T -- AND WE DIDN'T NAME IT
- 21 AND WE DIDN'T -- WE CAN'T BE HELD LIABLE UNDER ANY STATE CLAIMS.
- 22 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. AND WITH REGARD TO THE THIRD
- 23 CAUSE OF ACTION WHICH YOU DIDN'T ADDRESS I ASSUME IT'S A
- 24 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF CLAIM.
- MR. PAGE: YES. IT'S NOT A CAUSE OF ACTION. IT'S A

- 1 REMEDY.
- THE COURT: OKAY.
- 3 MR. PAGE: THE OTHER, JUST FOR THE RECORD, ALSO, WE
- 4 WOULD OBJECT TO THE DEGREE THAT THEIR OPPOSITION RELIES LARGELY
- 5 ON MATERIAL THAT'S NOT IN THE COMPLAINT.
- 6 THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL?
- 7 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: YOUR HONOR, VAL SCHUROWLIEW,
- 8 S-C-H-U-R-O-W-L-I-E-W. I WORK WITH STANLEY LOUIS JOSSELSON AT
- 9 STANLEY JOSSELSON COMPANY LPA IN CLEVELAND, OHIO. AND I'M HERE
- 10 ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF FREE KICK MASTER. AND I'M RESPONDING TO
- 11 THE MOTION FILED BY GOGGLE AMAZON.
- 12 OKAY. AS THE GENTLEMAN THAT PRECEDED ME STATED THAT THE
- 13 COMPLAINT DID NOT ALLEGE ANY KIND OF KNOWLEDGE. WELL, THERE'S
- 14 ACTUALLY FOUR SECTIONS IN THE COMPLAINT THAT ACTUALLY DO.
- 15 I WOULD DIRECT THE COURT'S ATTENTION, IF WOULD IT PLEASE, TO
- 16 COUNT NUMBER 23, WHICH IS DEFENDANTS' APPLE, AMAZON, GOOGLE AND
- 17 SAMSUNG'S --
- THE COURT: EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME. COUNT NUMBER 23?
- 19 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: YEAH. IT'S PARAGRAPH NUMBER 23 OF
- 20 THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT. IT'S BASICALLY FOUR DIFFERENT
- 21 PARAGRAPHS. THERE'S PARAGRAPH 23, 33, 36 AND 41. AND
- 22 PLAINTIFF --
- 23 **THE COURT:** COULD YOU GO THROUGH THOSE NUMBERS A LITTLE
- 24 MORE SLOWLY?
- 25 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: SURE. OKAY. PLAINTIFF LET'S SEE,

- 1 23 STATES THAT THE USE OF THE TRADEMARK WAS WITHOUT CONSENT OF
- 2 THE PLAINTIFF. PLAINTIFF NEVER CONSENTED TO ANYTHING.
- 3 PLAINTIFF KNEW THAT THE DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING GOGGLE AND
- 4 AMAZON, WERE -- AND GOGGLE AMAZON AND SAMSUNG, FOR THAT MATTER --
- 5 WERE USING THE TRADEMARK.
- 6 NUMBER 33 STATES THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO USE IT.
- 7 ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE. FOR EXAMPLE, WE GAVE ONLY AN EXAMPLE OF
- 8 DEFENDANT SAMSUNG. BUT I'M SURE WITH FURTHER DISCOVERY WE WILL
- 9 BE ABLE TO FIND OTHER INSTANCES OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE OTHER
- 10 DEFENDANTS.
- 11 THIS IS, YOUR HONOR, NOT A MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT.
- 12 THIS IS A PLEADING. AND WE HAVE TRIED TO, WITH MANY SUPPLEMENTS
- 13 AND MANY EXHIBITS, AS YOU HAVE SEEN, TO SUPPLEMENT IT AS MUCH AS
- 14 WE CAN.
- 15 THE OTHER PARAGRAPH --
- THE COURT: WHAT DO YOU --
- 17 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WHAT WE'RE BASICALLY SAYING IS THAT
- 18 WE --
- 19 **THE COURT:** EXCUSE ME. LET ME ASK A QUESTION.
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: I'M SORRY.
- 21 **THE COURT:** YOU BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE THAT THIS IS NOT A
- 22 MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT.
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
- 24 THE COURT: YET THERE ARE STACKS OF PAPERS THAT HAVE
- 25 BEEN APPENDED NOT ONLY TO THE COMPLAINT --

- 1 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
- 2 THE COURT: -- BUT TO YOUR BRIEF, WHICH IS A LITTLE
- 3 UNUSUAL --
- 4 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
- 5 **THE COURT:** -- BECAUSE THE BRIEF DOESN'T AUTHENTICATE
- 6 THE EXHIBITS.
- 7 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
- 8 THE COURT: IT'S NOT ATTACHED ORDER A DECLARATION.
- 9 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
- 10 **THE COURT:** THIS IS A MOTION FOR A RULING ON THE
- 11 PLEADINGS. WHY IS IT THAT I SHOULD EVEN CONSIDER THESE DOZENS OF
- 12 EXHIBITS THAT YOU'VE ATTACHED?
- 13 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WELL, THE PLAINTIFFS HAVE
- 14 STATED -- I'M SORRY -- THE DEFENDANTS HAVE STATED WE HAVE NOT
- 15 COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF IQBAL AND -- ASHCROFT AND
- 16 IQBAL. AND WE'RE SIMPLY SAYING THAT THERE EXISTS THIS EVIDENCE
- 17 THAT WE WILL BE ABLE LATER TO PRODUCE THAT SUBSTANTIATES OUR
- 18 COMPLAINT.
- 19 THE COURT: BUT IQBAL AND TWOMBLY DON'T CONTEMPLATE
- 20 THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO APPEND EXHIBITS THAT WILL TAKE THE PLACE
- 21 OF PLEADING FACTS. AND WE'RE TALKING TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. YOU
- 22 HAVE AN EVIDENTIARY PROBLEM. YOU'VE ATTACHED A BUNCH OF THINGS
- 23 TO YOUR --
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
- 25 **THE COURT:** -- COMPLAINT. YOU'VE ALSO ATTACHED A BUNCH

- 1 OF THINGS YOUR OPPOSITION. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THOSE ARE THE
- 2 ONES YOU ARE RELYING UPON TO SHOW KNOWLEDGE, THE ONES YOU'VE
- 3 ATTACHED TO YOUR BRIEF. HOW ARE THOSE ADMISSIBLE? UNDER WHAT
- 4 RULE OF EVIDENCE WOULD THOSE BE ADMISSIBLE ON THIS MOTION?
- 5 AND, STANDING ALONE, WHY ARE THEY ADMISSIBLE SIMPLY BECAUSE
- 6 THEY ARE STAPLED TO A BRIEF WITH NO AUTHENTICATING DECLARATION?
- 7 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WELL, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT ABOUT
- 8 THAT, YOUR HONOR. BUT THEY ARE PROVIDED AS EXAMPLES RATHER THAN
- 9 AS -- TO STATE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO OBTAIN DISCOVERY WHEN THE TIME
- 10 COMES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THEY DID KNOW, THAT THE
- 11 DEFENDANTS DID KNOW ABOUT ALL OF THESE THINGS.
- 12 THE COURT: THAT DOESN'T MAKE THEM ADMISSIBLE.
- 13 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
- 14 THE COURT: I CANNOT RELY UPON SOMETHING THAT IS SIMPLY
- 15 ATTACHED TO YOUR BRIEF.
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT. WELL, IN ANY CASE --
- 17 **THE COURT:** YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR ARGUMENT WITHOUT
- 18 REFERENCE TO THOSE DOCUMENTS.
- 19 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT. WELL, WHAT I'M DOING AT THIS
- 20 POINT, YOUR HONOR, IS SIMPLY CITING THE PARAGRAPHS OF THE
- 21 COMPLAINT WHERE WE DO ALLEGE KNOWLEDGE ON THE PART OF THE
- 22 DEFENDANTS.
- 23 AND THOSE PARAGRAPHS WOULD BE 23, AS I STATED, 33, WHICH
- 24 SAYS THAT THE PLAINTIFFS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE AS AN
- 25 EXAMPLE WITH DEFENDANT SAMSUNG. THEIR ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE

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    HAVE BEEN IGNORED.
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        WE ALSO PROVIDED A STATEMENT IN --
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              THE COURT: THIS IS AMAZON AND GOGGLE'S MOTION.
              MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
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               THE COURT: SO WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT SAMSUNG YET.
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              MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT
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     SIMILAR TO SAMSUNG, THE PLAINTIFF HAS MADE ATTEMPTS TO
     COMMUNICATE WITH GOGGLE AND AMAZON.
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               THE COURT: IS THAT ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT?
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              MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WELL, IF I MAY READ IT.
              THE COURT: JUST TELL --
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              MR. SCHUROWLIEW: "ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH
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         DEFENDANTS HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS. PLAINTIFF'S ATTEMPTS TO
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         COMMUNICATE FOR" -- AND THEN, IN QUOTES -- IN PARENTHESES:
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               "FOR EXAMPLE, WITH DEFENDANT SAMSUNG, EXHIBIT 18 HAVE
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         BEEN IGNORED. PLAINTIFF HAS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ALL
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         THE DEFENDANTS WILL CONTINUE ADVERTISING, SELLING AND EVEN
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         PROVIDING FREE DOWNLOADS OF FREE KICK MASTER FOR THE
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         FORESEEABLE FUTURE."
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- 20 **THE COURT:** AND THAT'S FROM PARAGRAPH 33?
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: THAT'S PARAGRAPH 33 OF THE
- 22 SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT. I'M LOOKING RIGHT AT IT.
- THE COURT: OKAY.
- 24 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: AND THEN, PARAGRAPH 36, IF I MAY READ
- 25 IT TO YOUR HONOR:

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"UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF DEFENDANTS' ACTS HAVE BEEN
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          WILLFUL, DELIBERATE AND INTENDED TO INTERFERE."
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               THE COURT: A LITTLE MORE SLOWLY.
               MR. SCHUROWLIEW: I'M SORRY. OKAY.
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               "DEFENDANTS' ACTS HAVE BEEN WILLFUL, DELIBERATE AND
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          INTENDED TO INTERFERE WITH PLAINTIFF'S USE AND INTENDED USE
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          OF THE FREE KICK MASTER MARK. TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY THE
          DOWNLOADS HAVE BEEN OFFERED AT NO COST."
          INTENT AND WILLFULNESS AND DELIBERATENESS CERTAINLY IMPLIES
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    KNOWLEDGE.
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               THE COURT: OKAY.
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              MR. SCHUROWLIEW: OKAY? AND, FINALLY, 41, IS:
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               "THE PUBLIC AND OTHERS ARE LIKELY TO BELIEVE THAT
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          DEFENDANTS' GOODS AND SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY, SPONSORED
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          BY, APPROVED BY, LICENSED BY, AFFILIATED WITH OR IN SOME WAY
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          LEGITIMATELY CONNECTED WITH THE PLAINTIFF WHICH HAS CAUSED
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          OR WILL CAUSE DAMAGE AND INJURY TO THE PLAINTIFF IN TERMS OF
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          ITS ABILITY TO THE PROMOTE ITS SPORTING EVENTS AND VARIOUS
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          COMPUTER APPS AND GAMES DERIVED THEREFROM."
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          THE OTHER THING IS THAT WE HAVE LATELY DISCOVERED -- AND
     THIS, AGAIN, IS PROBABLY NOT RELEVANT, BUT WE DISCOVERED THAT
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     THEY ALSO USED THE PLAINTIFFS' -- THE PLAYERS' LIKENESSES AND
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     THEIR NAMES IN SOME OF THEIR PRODUCTS THAT THEY HAVE -- THAT
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    GOGGLE HAS ADVERTISED, THAT GOGGLE AND AMAZON HAVE ADVERTISED.
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SO IT'S PROBABLY NOT RELEVANT AT THIS POINT, BUT I THOUGHT I

- 1 WOULD JUST BRING THAT UP.
- 2 THE OTHER THING THAT THEY -- WHAT WE'D LIKE ALSO TO SAY
- 3 ABOUT THE SECOND POINT ABOUT THE INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, THE
- 4 DEFENDANTS ARE CORRECT. THE INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IS NOT A SEPARATE
- 5 COUNT, IN AND OF ITSELF, AND THAT GOES WITH OTHER COUNTS. SO
- 6 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THEY ARE CORRECT ABOUT.
- 7 HOWEVER, WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE CORRECT ABOUT THE
- 8 CDA, THEIR POSITION ON THE CDA. CDA WAS ORIGINALLY -- THE
- 9 COMMUNICATIONS DECENCY ACT WAS ORIGINALLY ENACTED TO PROMOTE IN
- ORDER FOR PROVIDERS OF INTERNET SERVICES, IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE
- 11 ABLE TO CLEAN UP WHATEVER THIRD PARTIES POST ON THEIR WEBSITE
- 12 WITHOUT ANY KIND OF REPERCUSSIONS.
- AND SO IN ORDER TO PROMOTE -- IN ORDER TO PROMOTE FREEDOM OF
- 14 EXPRESSION THE CONGRESS DECIDED THAT -- OBVIOUSLY THE CONGRESS
- 15 DECIDED THAT IT WAS GOING TO ALLOW THE INTERNET PROVIDERS NOT TO
- 16 HAVE ANY LIABILITY FOR POSTINGS MADE BY THIRD PARTIES.
- 17 HOWEVER, THIS CASE IS NOT JUST A MATTER OF POSTINGS BEING
- 18 MADE BY THIRD PARTIES. THIS IS A CASE THAT INVOLVES POSTINGS BY
- 19 THIRD PARTIES WITH GOOGLE AND AMAZON MAKING MONEY ON THESE
- 20 POSTINGS.
- THE DEFENDANTS WOULD CLAIM THAT THINGS ARE POSTED AND GOGGLE
- 22 AND AMAZON HAVE NO CONTROL OVER ANYTHING. THAT THINGS ARE SIMPLY
- 23 POSTED, AND THEY JUST STAY THERE. AND THEN, WHEN GOGGLE AND
- 24 AMAZON ARE NOTIFIED ABOUT THINGS, AS FROM WHAT I COULD UNDERSTAND
- 25 FROM WHAT THE GENTLEMAN PRIOR TO ME STATED, THEY HAVE NO CONTROL

- 1 OVER ANYTHING.
- 2 IT'S JUST POSTED SORT OF LIKE THE THRIFT STORE OF APPS. BUT
- 3 QUITE TO THE CONTRARY, GOGGLE AND AMAZON HAVE VERY STRICT
- 4 PROCEDURES BY WHICH THEY VET AND LOOK OVER THINGS THAT THEY POST.
- 5 IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY UNIMAGINABLE THAT THEY WOULD POST
- 6 JUST RANDOM THINGS IN THEIR APP STORES AND HAVE PEOPLE COME IN
- 7 AND JUST BUY THESE THINGS WITHOUT ACTUALLY GOING THROUGH THEM AND
- 8 SEEING THAT THEY MEET APPROPRIATE STANDARDS.
- 9 THE COURT: ARE THERE FACTS ALLEGED IN THE COMPLAINT
- 10 THAT, INDEED, THERE WAS SOME SORT OF VETTING PROCESS? ARE YOU
- 11 SUGGESTING THAT THEY VETTED THIS APP AND SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT
- 12 THE APP WAS AN INFRINGING USE OF YOUR CLIENT'S MARK?
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: AND, WELL --
- 14 THE COURT: CAN YOU ANSWER THAT QUESTION?
- 15 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WELL, THE FIRST THING IS THAT THE
- 16 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S WEBSITE DOES CONTAIN THE TRADEMARK. SO IF
- 17 WE COULD GO IN AND LOOK IT UP IN 30 SECONDS, THEY COULD DO IT, AS
- 18 WELL.
- 19 NOW, CLEARLY THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT DID NOT CONTAIN
- 20 VERY MUCH OF ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT THE SPECIFIC VETTING PROCESS
- 21 THAT THESE DEFENDANTS GO THROUGH.
- 22 **THE COURT:** ARE THERE ANY FACTS THAT WOULD -- THAT
- 23 ASSERT THAT YOUR CLIENT NOTIFIED AMAZON AND GOOGLE THAT THE MARKS
- 24 WERE APPEARING ON THEIR WEBSITE AND WERE INFRINGING OF YOUR
- 25 CLIENT'S MARK?

- 1 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: I PERSONALLY DON'T KNOW OF ANY AT
- 2 THIS POINT EXCEPT FOR WHAT IS STATED IN THE COMPLAINT. BUT I'M
- 3 SURE WE COULD FIND OTHERS WHEN WE LOOK.
- 4 I PERSONALLY DON'T KNOW OF ANY MYSELF AT THIS POINT. AND I
- 5 HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I DON'T.
- THE COURT: WELL, YOU DESCRIBE ATTEMPTS AT
- 7 COMMUNICATION. WHAT WERE THE NATURE OF THE ATTEMPTS AT
- 8 COMMUNICATING WITH THE DEFENDANTS?
- 9 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, PHONE CALLS,
- 10 SPEAKING WITH PEOPLE. THAT IS ALL THAT I KNOW OF RIGHT NOW.
- 11 **THE COURT:** BY YOUR CLIENT.
- 12 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT. BY MY CLIENT OR ITS
- 13 REPRESENTATIVES. OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES. BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO
- 14 DO FURTHER DISCOVERY ON THAT.
- 15 **THE COURT:** WELL, ISN'T THAT CALLED "PREFILING
- 16 INVESTIGATION"?
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WELL, YES, IT IS.
- 18 THE COURT: IT'S USUALLY FROM THE OPPOSING PARTY.
- 19 ISN'T THIS WITHIN YOUR CLIENT'S KNOWLEDGE?
- 20 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: AND WE'VE DONE QUITE A BIT OF
- 21 PREFILING INVESTIGATION. AND IT SEEMS LIKE WE JUST KEEP DOING
- 22 MORE AND MORE AND MORE INVESTIGATION. AS THE CASE DEVELOPS WE
- 23 SIMPLY DO MORE AND MORE INVESTIGATION. WE'VE TRIED TO DO AS MUCH
- 24 INVESTIGATION AS WE COULD. AND THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE AND MORE
- 25 INVESTIGATION FORTHCOMING.

- 1 THE COURT: WELL, OBVIOUSLY THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE
- 2 DEFENDANTS IS CRITICAL, AND THERE'S A DEARTH OF FACTS THAT
- 3 ESTABLISH IT. YOU HAVE THE CONCLUSION, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY
- 4 REAL -- ANY SPECIFIC FACTS THAT WOULD ESTABLISH KNOWLEDGE ON
- 5 THEIR PART. AND YOUR VIEW IS JUST ALLEGING THAT THEY KNEW IS
- 6 SUFFICIENT?
- 7 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: UNDER IQBAL, PROBABLY NOT.
- 8 THE COURT: OKAY.
- 9 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: NOW --
- 10 THE COURT: AND YOU ALSO ALLEGE THAT THEY USED THE
- 11 MARK. IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME IN WHAT WAY THEY USED THE MARK.
- 12 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: THEY USED THE MARK IN THEIR COMPUTER
- 13 GAMES. THEY USE THE MARK IN THE -- DEFENDANTS' GOGGLE AND AMAZON
- 14 PUT COMPUTER GAMES INTO THEIR WEBSITE THAT WERE CALLED "FREE KICK
- 15 MASTER." AND THAT IS IN THE COMPLAINT. THAT IS IN THE
- 16 SECOND-AMENDED TO COMPLAINT. THERE WERE EVEN PHOTOGRAPHS PUT
- 17 INTO THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT AS IN THE EXHIBITS THAT SHOWED
- 18 WHAT WAS GOING ON.
- 19 THE COURT: ARE YOU TAKING THE POSITION THAT THEY WERE
- THE PROVIDERS OF THE CONTENT?
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WE ARE TAKING THE POSITION THAT THEY
- 22 WERE -- THAT THESE APPLICATIONS WERE POSTED ON THEIR WEBSITES.
- 23 THEY PROFITED FROM THESE APPLICATIONS. THEY COLLECTED A CERTAIN
- 24 AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THE SALE OF THESE APPLICATIONS.
- THE COURT: BUT THEY WEREN'T THE AUTHOR. ARE YOU

- 1 ALLEGING THEY WERE THE AUTHOR OF THE APPLICATION?
- 2 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: I'M NOT ALLEGING THAT THEY WERE THE
- 3 ORIGINAL AUTHOR, BUT THEY HAD CERTAINLY SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE
- 4 APPLICATION GOING ON THE WEBSITE. THOSE APPLICATIONS HAD TO GO
- 5 THROUGH A VETTING PROCESS, AS WE LATER DISCOVERED.
- 6 **THE COURT:** OKAY. OKAY.
- 7 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: SO IT'S NOT LIKE PEOPLE JUST COME IN
- 8 AND PUT THIS STUFF UP, AND IT JUST SITS THERE. THEY ACTUALLY
- 9 HAVE TO GO THROUGH SOME SORT OF PROCESS. WHETHER IT'S TO CHECK
- 10 TO SEE THAT IT'S NOT DEFAMATORY, TO CHECK TO SEE IF IT'S NOT
- 11 PORNOGRAPHIC, TO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE'S NO ILLUSTRATIONS OF DRUG
- 12 USE ON THERE, TO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE'S NOTHING HORRIBLY
- 13 OBJECTIONABLE. IN CERTAIN CASES TO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE'S
- 14 NOTHING POLITICALLY INCORRECT IN THERE, TO SEE IF IT DOESN'T
- 15 OFFEND ANYBODY'S SENSIBILITY, TO SEE IF IT DOESN'T CONTAIN
- 16 NEEDLESS VIOLENCE. I MEAN, ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE CHECKED.
- 17 OTHERWISE, EVERYBODY WOULD BE PUTTING EVERYTHING UP ON THERE.
- THE COURT: AND THAT PROCESS, DOES THAT AMOUNT TO USE
- 19 AND KNOWLEDGE, OR JUST ONE OF THE TWO?
- 20 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: I THINK IT WOULD AMOUNT TO KNOWLEDGE.
- THE COURT: AND USE?
- 22 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: BECAUSE IN ORDER FOR THEM TO -- IN
- 23 ORDER FOR THEM -- ONCE THEY HAVE DONE THAT, ONCE THEY HAVE GONE
- 24 THROUGH THAT, THEY KNOW WHAT THOSE APPLICATIONS CONTAIN.
- OTHERWISE, THEY WOULDN'T PUT THEM UP. IF THEY GO THROUGH THIS

- 1 VETTING PROCESS AND THIS FILTERING PROCESS SOMEBODY THERE HAS TO
- 2 KNOW ABOUT IT BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING AT IT.
- 3 THE COURT: BUT WOULD THEY NECESSARILY KNOW BY GOING
- 4 THROUGH THIS PROCESS THAT THE MARKS ARE INFRINGING?
- 5 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: IF THEY SAW THE VIDEO, WHICH THEY DO,
- 6 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THEY DO WATCH THE VIDEOS OR THEY WATCH THE --
- 7 PLAY THE APPS THEY CAN LOOK AT IT AND THEY CAN SEE THE NAME.
- 8 THEY CAN SEE SOMEBODY PLAYING A SOCCER GAME. AND WHEN THEY SEE
- 9 THE LOGO ALL THEY HAVE DO IS GO TO THE TRADEMARK WEBSITE OR THE
- 10 COPYRIGHT WEBSITE, TYPE IN THREE WORDS AND IT POPS UP.
- I DON'T THINK THAT'S ASKING TOO MUCH, YOUR HONOR. IT ONLY
- 12 TAKES LIKE 25 SECONDS. IF THEY CAN DO ALL OF THESE OTHER THINGS
- 13 THEN THEY CERTAINLY CAN DO THAT.
- 14 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: I DON'T THINK IT'S EXTREMELY
- 16 BURDENSOME TO DO ALL THAT. THEY SAY THAT THEY ARE NOT THE
- 17 PUBLISHER OF ONE-AND-A-HALF MILLION APPS. WELL, THEY CERTAINLY
- 18 CHECK THEM.
- 19 NOW, GRANTED YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT THAT WE DID NOT
- 20 PROVIDE ALL THOSE -- ALL THAT PAPERWORK ON THEIR PRODUCT
- 21 DEVELOPMENT FROM THEIR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE. WE PROVIDED
- 22 THAT LATER ON IN OUR BRIEFS OPPOSED TO THEM.
- 23 BUT THE POINT IS IT DOES EXIST. THEY ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING
- 24 BESIDES ALLOW PEOPLE SIMPLY TO POST THINGS RANDOMLY, AT WILL,
- 25 WITHOUT HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANYTHING.

- 1 AND I THINK IF THEY ARE TRYING TO ASSERT THAT, THEN IT'S
- 2 ABSOLUTELY WRONG AND IT'S NOT TRUE. THEY HAVE TO KNOW WHAT IS
- 3 BEING POSTED ON THERE, WHAT IS BEING PUT INTO THEIR APP STORE AND
- 4 WHAT IS BEING PUT ON THEIR WEBSITE.
- 5 IT WOULD BE RIDICULOUS TO THINK THAT THEY DIDN'T. AND THEY
- 6 HAVE THESE DEVELOPMENT WEBSITES WHERE THEY TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO
- 7 DO.
- 8 THE COURT: BUT CLEARLY KNOWING THAT AN APP IS BEING
- 9 POSTED AND AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT
- 10 ONE HAS KNOWLEDGE THAT IT'S INFRINGING.
- 11 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: I SUPPOSE THEY COULD BE BLIND TO IT.
- 12 I SUPPOSE THEY COULD JUST DELIBERATELY AVOID DOING IT ALTOGETHER.
- 13 THEY COULD JUST COLLECT THE MONEY. IF THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT TO
- 14 DO, FINE. THEY CAN COLLECT THEIR 30 PERCENT. THEY CAN GO HOME
- 15 AND SAY:
- "WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANYTHING. WE DON'T WANT
- 17 TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANYTHING? POST WHATEVER YOU WANT.
- 18 WE'RE COLLECTING OUR 30 PERCENT. YOU TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.
- 19 WE'RE GOING TO KEEP OUR MONEY, AND WE'RE GOING TO GO ON AND
- 20 WE'RE GOING TO POST EVERYTHING. AND WE JUST COLLECT OUR
- MONEY, AND WE'RE HAPPY. AND EVERYBODY ELSE GETS ALL THE
- 22 PROBLEMS WITH THE LAWSUITS AND EVERYTHING ELSE."
- 23 THAT CERTAINLY PROVIDES A GOOD WAY FOR THEM TO HAVE AN OUT
- 24 TO MAKE ALL KINDS OF MONEY OFF OF EVERYBODY ELSE AND NOT SUFFER
- 25 ANY CONSEQUENCES WHATSOEVER. THAT'S FINE. IF THAT'S THE WAY

- 1 IT'S GOING TO BE, THEN THAT'S FINE.
- 2 BUT I'M JUST BRINGING THIS UP THAT WE FEEL THAT THEY HAVE
- 3 COLLECTED ALL KINDS OF MONEY. NOT JUST FROM FREE KICK MASTER. I
- 4 MEAN, THEY HAVE GIVEN THE FREE KICK MASTER APPS AWAY. THEY
- 5 ADVERTISE "WE'RE GIVING THEM AWAY."
- 6 WHETHER APPLE DID THAT OR GOGGLE DID THAT OR SAMSUNG DID
- 7 THAT, WHOEVER DID THAT. THEY ARE GIVING THESE THINGS AWAY.
- 8 OKAY. THEY ARE NOT COLLECTING MONEY. BUT WHEN THEY DO THEY
- 9 COLLECT MONEY. ON SOME OF THESE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PORTALS THEY
- 10 TALK ABOUT A 70/30 SPLIT.
- 11 THESE PEOPLE ARE GETTING MONEY FROM WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING.
- 12 AND IF THEY ARE ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH THIS BECAUSE OF THEIR
- 13 RELIANCE ON THE CDA, OR ANYTHING ELSE LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW THEY
- 14 GET AWAY WITH IT, BUT THEN WE HAVE TO TURN AROUND. WE HAVE TO GO
- 15 SUE ALL OF THESE PEOPLE IN CHINA, OR WHEREVER IT IS, THAT ARE
- 16 JUST PRODUCING THESE THINGS AND POSTING IT ON GOGGLE AND AMAZON.
- 17 THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO.
- AND GOGGLE AND AMAZON GET AWAY WITH THEIR 30 PERCENT, AND
- 19 THEY DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER ANY CONSEQUENCES. ALL THEY HAVE TO DO
- 20 IS HIDE BEHIND THESE STATUTES. WHICH WE FEEL, BY THE WAY, LIKE
- 21 THE DECENCY ACT WAS NOT MEANT TO BE A STATUTE THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE
- 22 WHO MAKE MONEY ON THIS STUFF TO HIDE BEHIND IT TO PROTECT THEIR
- 23 INCOME STREAM.
- 24 THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO -- THAT WAS ORIGINALLY CREATED -- I'M
- 25 SURE YOUR HONOR KNOWS A LOT MORE ABOUT THIS THAN I DO.

- 1 THE COURT: THERE'S NO PROVISION IN THE ACT THAT
- 2 EXEMPTS THE INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICES WHO ARE MAKING MONEY.
- 3 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: NO, BUT THEY HAVE THE EXEMPTION FOR
- 4 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS. THAT'S IN 230E2. THERE IS AN
- 5 EXEMPTION: ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
- 6 RIGHTS IS EXEMPT FROM THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE.
- 7 THE COURT: OKAY.
- 8 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: OKAY? AND THEN, WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS
- 9 THAT -- NOW, THEY HAVE ALSO SAID THAT OUR ARGUMENT ABOUT
- 10 PREEMPTION IS NOT CORRECT. THAT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH
- 11 PREEMPTION.
- 12 BUT IN THEIR OWN -- IN THEIR OWN BRIEF, THEY CITE A CASE.
- 13 AND I'D LIKE TO READ IT TO YOU, IF YOU DON'T MIND. IN THEIR OWN
- 14 MOTION -- I'M SORRY -- IN THEIR OWN MOTION. THIS IS ON PAGE TEN
- 15 OF 13 OF GOGGLE'S AND AMAZON'S JOINT MOTION. AND THEY TALK ABOUT
- 16 PERFECT TEN, INC. V. CC BILL LLC.
- 17 "THE COMMUNICATIONS DECENCY ACT STATES THAT NO
- PROVIDER, USER OF AN INTERACTIVE SERVICE SHALL BE TREATED
- 19 AS THE PUBLISHER OR SPEAKER OF ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
- 20 ANOTHER INFORMATION CONTENT PROVIDER AND EXPRESSLY" --
- THE COURT: EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME. WHEN YOU'RE READING
- 22 YOU'RE READING A MILE A MINUTE.
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: OKAY.
- 24 THE COURT: OUR COURT REPORTER IS FABULOUS, BUT SHE
- 25 CAN'T TYPE A MILE A MINUTE. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THAT AND SLOW

- 1 DOWN IF YOU ARE GOING TO READ.
- 2 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: OKAY, THANK YOU.
- 3 "AND EXPRESSLY PREEMPTS ANY STATE LAW TO THE CONTRARY."
- 4 OKAY. SO THIS IS -- THEY SAY IT'S NOT A PREEMPTION
- 5 ARGUMENT, BUT IT IS A PREEMPTION ARGUMENT. THEY USE THE WORD
- 6 "PREEMPT."
- 7 SO WHAT I'M BASICALLY SAYING IS IF THE STATE LAW IS THE SAME
- 8 AS THE FEDERAL LAW OR HAS PROVISIONS THAT ARE CONGRUENT TO THE
- 9 FEDERAL LAW, THEN THE STATE CLAIMS SHOULD NOT BE THROWN OUT.
- 10 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 11 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: THERE'S ANOTHER CASE THAT TALKS ABOUT
- 12 CONGRUENCY AND TWO TRIANGLES FROM MATHEMATICS ARE CONGRUENT IF
- 13 THEY HAVE THE SAME SIDES, OR THE SAME SIDES AND ANGLES, WHICH IS
- 14 THE SAME THING.
- 15 SO, IF TWO THINGS ARE CONGRUENT, THEN THEY SHOULD STATE TO
- 16 THAT EXTENT.
- 17 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 18 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: AND I CITED A COUPLE OF CASES OR OUR
- 19 SIDE CITED A COUPLE OF CASES TALKING ABOUT PREEMPTION, WHICH IS
- 20 WHAT THEY HAD IN THEIR BRIEF, WHICH I JUST READ. AND WE TALKED
- 21 ABOUT THE STATE CAUSES OF ACTION CAN STAY AS LONG AS THEY ARE
- 22 CONGRUENT TO THE FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION, WHICH IS THE LANHAM
- 23 ACT.
- THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: OKAY.

- 1 **THE COURT:** IS THAT IT?
- 2 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUR HONOR.
- 3 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT.
- 4 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: APPRECIATE IT.
- 5 **THE COURT:** DO YOU WISH TO RESPOND?
- 6 MR. PAGE: VERY BRIEFLY, YOUR HONOR. I THINK THE COURT
- 7 CAN LOOK AT THE FOUR PARAGRAPHS HE CITED AND NONE OF THEM SAY
- 8 ANY -- STATE ANY FACTS THAT WOULD INDICATE KNOWLEDGE.
- 9 VERY BRIEFLY, THE IDEA THAT IF ANY OF THESE ISPS -- APPLE
- 10 HAS A MILLION AND A HALF APPS ON THEIR WEBSITE. GOGGLE HAS
- 11 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF APPS. AMAZON HAS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.
- 12 EVEN IF IN THE THEORETICAL WORLD MY OPPONENT PROPOSES, WE
- 13 HAD AN OBLIGATION TO GO FIGURE OUT WHETHER ANY HAVE THEM INFRINGE
- 14 TRADEMARK RIGHTS OR WERE LICENSED OR WERE IN ANY WAY INFRINGING,
- 15 AND EVEN IF WE WENT TO THE TRADEMARK OFFICE WEBSITE AND LOOKED UP
- 16 THEIR MARK, WHAT WE WOULD FIND IS THAT THEY HAVE A MARK THAT IS
- 17 REGISTERED IN THE FIELD OF USE FOR PUTTING ON SPORTING EVENTS IN
- 18 STADIUMS, PERIOD.
- 19 THEY DON'T HAVE A TRADEMARK THAT COVERS THIS USE. THEY HAVE
- 20 A SISTER COMPANY THAT'S APPLIED FOR ONE, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NEVER
- 21 MADE AN APP. AND THEY ARE NOT A PLAINTIFF IN THIS CASE.
- 22 SO EVEN IF WE HAD THE OBLIGATION, WHICH WE DON'T, TO GO
- 23 LOOK, THE ANSWER WOULD HAVE BEEN THEY DON'T HAVE A TRADEMARK IN
- 24 THIS FIELD OF USE.
- SO, IT JUST SIMPLY WOULDN'T WORK.

- ON THE CDA ISSUE, THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT PIECES OF THE CDA.
- THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT GOOD SAMARITAN PROVISIONS WHICH SAY
- 3 THAT IF WE POLICE OUR OWN WEBSITE AND TAKE DOWN THINGS WE FIND
- 4 OFFENSIVE WE CAN'T BE HELD LIABLE FOR HAVING DONE SO. THE OTHER
- 5 HALF OF THE CDA SAYS THAT WE'RE NOT LIABLE FOR MATERIAL AUTHORED
- 6 BY THIRD PARTIES.
- 7 CC BILL IS A COMMUNICATIONS DECENCY ACT PREEMPTION CASE.
- 8 THERE'S LOTS OF KINDS OF PREEMPTION. THERE'S ALSO LANHAM ACT
- 9 PREEMPTION. WE HAVEN'T ARGUED LANHAM ACT PRESUMPTION. SO THE
- 10 FACT THAT THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO LANHAM ACT PREEMPTION IS
- 11 TOTALLY IRRELEVANT HERE.
- WITH THAT, UNLESS THE COURT HAS ANY QUESTIONS, WE'D BE HAPPY
- 13 TO SUBMIT.
- 14 THE COURT: WELL, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE REAL PROBLEM
- 15 HERE IS THE KNOWLEDGE COMPONENT, WHICH IS NOT IN MY VIEW
- 16 ADEQUATELY PLED. AND AS I INDICATED I'M NOT EVEN LOOKING AT THE
- 17 DOCUMENTS THAT WERE STAPLED TO THE OPPOSITION BRIEF.
- 18 WHAT'S YOUR POSITION ON WHETHER OR NOT, ASSUMING I DISMISS
- 19 ON THE GROUNDS THAT THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT ALLEGATIONS AS TO
- 20 KNOWLEDGE ON THE PART OF THE DEFENDANTS, WHAT'S YOUR POSITION ON
- LEAVE TO AMEND?
- 22 MR. PAGE: WE'RE AGAINST IT, SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH. THIS
- 23 IS THE THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT. IT'S THE FIRST ONE IN THIS
- 24 COURT, BUT WE'VE AROUND TWICE IN CLEVELAND BEFORE THIS. THEY
- 25 HAVE HAD THREE SHOTS AT PLEADING THIS.

- 1 THE COURT: WERE THERE ACTUAL MOTIONS FILED?
- 2 MR. PAGE: YES.
- 3 **THE COURT:** THEY WEREN'T STIPULATED AMENDMENTS
- 4 PREVIOUSLY?
- 5 MR. PAGE: I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE FIRST ONE. THE
- 6 SECOND ONE THERE WAS A MOTION TO TRANSFER OR DISMISS. ALL OF
- 7 THESE ARGUMENTS WERE MADE. THEY THEN FILE -- THE COURT
- 8 TRANSFERRED RATHER THAN REACH THE RULE 12 ISSUES.
- 9 THE COURT: SO IT'S ONLY BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT
- 10 FOR THE FIRST TIME HERE.
- 11 MR. PAGE: RIGHT. BUT ALL OF THE -- BUT THE COMPLAINT
- 12 HAS BEEN AMENDED AGAIN IN LIGHT OF ALL OF THESE ARGUMENTS WHICH
- 13 WERE BRIEFED IN OHIO. THESE ARE NOT NEW ISSUES TO THEM. IF THEY
- 14 HAD ANSWERS TO THEM THEY COULD HAVE AMENDED LAST TIME.
- THE IDEA THAT IF THEY COULD JUST TAKE DISCOVERY THEY COULD
- 16 FIGURE OUT WHETHER THEY SENT US A NOTICE IS FRANKLY ABSURD. YOU
- 17 KNOW, ALL THE DISCOVERY IN THE WORLD ISN'T GOING TO TELL THEM
- 18 WHAT THEY DID. THEY HAVE KNOWN IT'S AN ISSUE. THEY HAVE HAD NOW
- 19 THREE COMPLAINTS.
- 20 WE WOULD URGE THE COURT TO DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE.
- 21 THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT, COUNSEL. I WOULD LIKE
- 22 YOU TO SPEAK TO THAT. WHAT IF I WERE TO GIVE YOU LEAVE TO AMEND
- 23 ON THE KNOWLEDGE ISSUE, WHAT WOULD YOU ADD? SINCE YOU'RE NOT
- 24 GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET ANY DISCOVERY UNTIL AFTER YOU PASS THIS
- 25 STAGE.

- 1 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WELL, WE WOULD HAVE TO -- WE WOULD
- 2 HAVE TO SPEAK TO EVERYBODY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLAINTIFF IN ORDER
- 3 TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC FACTS DEALING WITH PHONE CALLS, TEXT MESSAGES,
- 4 ANYTHING THAT THEY -- ANY KIND OF COMMUNICATIONS THAT THEY HAD
- 5 WITH GOOGLE AND AMAZON.
- 6 THE COURT: AND YOU DIDN'T DO THAT BEFORE YOU FILED THE
- 7 SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT?
- 8 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: WE FRANKLY -- WE WERE NOT -- WE DID
- 9 NOT THINK THAT ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE WAS REQUIRED. WE THOUGHT THAT
- 10 CONSTRUCTIVE KNOWLEDGE WAS SUFFICIENT. AND WE FELT THAT WE HAD
- 11 ENOUGH AS FAR AS CONSTRUCTIVE KNOWLEDGE GOES BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE
- 12 TO SEE THAT THESE PEOPLE HAD NOTICE FROM THE TRADEMARK OFFICE AND
- 13 WE WERE ABLE TO SEE THAT THEY HAD ALL OF THESE VETTING PROCEDURES
- 14 FOR CHECKING THE APPS.
- 15 SO IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE CHECKING ALL OF THESE THINGS WE
- 16 FELT THAT THEY HAD, IN TERMS OF CHECKING FOR, LIKE I DISCUSSED,
- 17 PORNOGRAPHY, DRUG USE, ANIMAL RIGHTS, VIOLENCE, YOU KNOW, THIS,
- 18 THAT AND THE OTHER THING. AND IT EVEN STATES IN SOME OF THEIR
- 19 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PORTALS THAT THEY DO CHECK ON --
- 20 **THE COURT:** YOU'RE REHASHING. THE ANSWER IS NO.
- MR. SCHUROWLIEW: RIGHT.
- 22 **THE COURT:** YOU DIDN'T DO ANY CHECKING OF THE --
- 23 WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE TEXT MESSAGES, NOTICE, ET CETERA.
- 24 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: NO. WE FELT THAT CONSTRUCTIVE
- 25 KNOWLEDGE WAS SUFFICIENT; THAT THEY HAD TO ESTABLISH --

- 1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.
- 2 MR. SCHUROWLIEW: THANK YOU.
- 3 **THE COURT:** SAMSUNG'S COUNSEL?
- 4 MR. ULIN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. AND I'LL TRY AS
- 5 BEST I CAN NOT TO REPLOW SOME OF THE GROUND THAT HAS BEEN
- 6 COVERED.
- 7 THERE ARE TWO QUESTIONS ESSENTIALLY PRESENTED BY SAMSUNG'S
- 8 MOTION. NUMBER ONE: SHOULD THE SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT AGAINST
- 9 SAMSUNG BE DISMISSED? AND THEN, NUMBER TWO, IF IT IS DISMISSED
- 10 SHOULD THE PLAINTIFF BE GIVEN LEAVE TO AMEND TO MAKE A FOURTH
- 11 ATTEMPT AT COMPLETING AN ACTIONABLE COMPLAINT AGAINST SAMSUNG?
- 12 FIRST WITH RESPECT TO DISMISSAL OF THE SECOND-AMENDED
- 13 COMPLAINT, ALL THREE OF THE PRIOR COMPLAINTS HAVE SOUNDED IN
- 14 DIRECT LIABILITY. YOUR HONOR NOTED THAT THE WORD "CONTRIBUTORY
- 15 LIABILITY" OR "CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT" APPEAR NOWHERE IN THE
- 16 SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT. AND THEY ARE NOT IN ANY OF THE PRIOR
- 17 COMPLAINTS, EITHER.
- 18 THERE ARE FIVE CLAIMS IN THOSE COMPLAINTS, OR PARTICULARLY
- 19 IN THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT. TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT UNDER
- 20 THE LANHAM ACT. FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN UNDER THE LANHAM
- 21 ACT. STATE LAW TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT. AND THEN, CLAIMS FOR
- 22 VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE, SECTION
- 23 17200 AND 17500.
- 24 WITH RESPECT TO THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT AND ITS DIRECT
- 25 LIABILITY CLAIMS AGAINST SAMSUNG, ALL OF THOSE CLAIMS REQUIRE

- 1 SOME ALLEGATION THAT SAMSUNG ACTUALLY USED PLAINTIFF'S
- 2 TRADEMARKS, WHICH IS COMPLETELY ABSENT FROM THE SECOND-AMENDED
- 3 COMPLAINT.
- 4 THAT WOULD BE EITHER USE IN COMMERCE TO SUPPORT THE
- 5 TRADEMARK AND FALSE DESIGNATION CLAIMS, AS WELL AS UCL CLAIM OR
- 6 USE IN ADVERTISING TO SUPPORT THE FALSE ADVERTISING LAW COMPLAINT
- 7 OR CLAIM.
- 8 UNLIKE THE OTHER DEFENDANTS IN THIS CASE, THE ALLEGATIONS
- 9 AGAINST SAMSUNG DO NOT CLAIM THAT WE RAN AN APP STORE THROUGH
- 10 WHICH FOLKS COULD DOWNLOAD INFRINGING APPS. THE ALLEGATIONS
- 11 AGAINST SAMSUNG AT PARAGRAPHS 21 AND 22 OF THE SECOND-AMENDED
- 12 COMPLAINT ALLEGE ONLY THAT SAMSUNG SELLS MOBILE DEVICES THAT SOME
- 13 PURCHASERS MAY USE TO DOWNLOAD INFRINGING APPS FROM THIRD-PARTY
- 14 WEBSITES.
- 15 AND THEN THE COMPLAINT ATTACHES AN EXAMPLE OF A
- 16 THIRD-PARTY -- OR WHAT PURPORTS TO BE A PRINTOUT FROM A
- 17 THIRD-PARTY WEBSITE THAT IT IS USED TO ILLUSTRATE WHAT PLAINTIFF
- 18 BELIEVES GIVES RISE TO LIABILITY FOR SAMSUNG.
- 19 EFFECTIVELY, BECAUSE THE PLAINTIFF FAILS TO ALLEGE THAT
- 20 SAMSUNG ACTUALLY USED ITS TRADEMARKS, ALL OF THE CLAIMS AGAINST
- 21 SAMSUNG AS THEY ARE PLED IN THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT FAIL.
- 22 AND THE PLAINTIFF HAS BASICALLY CONCEDED THE KEY POINTS THAT
- 23 MAKE OUT THAT ARGUMENT THIS MORNING.
- 24 PLAINTIFF HAS CONCEDED THAT SAMSUNG DIDN'T CREATE THOSE APPS
- 25 AND THAT THE WEBSITES THAT IT HAS -- THAT IT BELIEVES, YOU KNOW,

- 1 SELL THOSE APPS ARE THIRD-PARTY SITES NOT RUN BY SAMSUNG.
- 2 WE'RE NOT USING THE TRADEMARK BY EITHER OF THE METHODS THAT
- 3 PLAINTIFF COMPLAINS ABOUT ITS USE IN THIS CASE, AND THEREFORE ALL
- 4 FIVE OF THOSE CLAIMS FAIL.
- 5 I LEFT OUT, OF COURSE, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF WHICH PLAINTIFF
- 6 CONCEDES IS NOT A CLAIM BUT ONLY A REMEDY. OF COURSE, IT'S
- 7 LONG-STANDING LAW DATING ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE SONY BETA MAX
- 8 CASE THAT SIMPLY SELLING DEVICES THAT OTHER PEOPLE MAY USE TO
- 9 INFRINGE OR DOWNLOAD INFRINGING MATERIAL IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO
- 10 ESTABLISH CONTRIBUTORY LIABILITY. AND THAT'S IN THE COPYRIGHT
- 11 SPHERE.
- 12 IN THE TRADEMARK SPHERE WHERE CONTRIBUTORY LIABILITY IS EVEN
- 13 MORE CONSTRAINED IT'S CERTAINLY NOT SUFFICIENT. IN RESPONSE TO
- 14 ALL OF THIS, PLAINTIFF SORT OF PRESAGED WHAT THEY WOULD DO TODAY
- 15 BY ESSENTIALLY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THEY CAN'T PLEAD DIRECT
- 16 INFRINGEMENT AGAINST SAMSUNG AND ABANDONING THE CLAIMS IN THEIR
- 17 SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINTS, ALL OF WHICH SUGGEST THAT THE PROPER
- ANSWER TO THE FIRST QUESTION IS THAT COMPLAINT NEEDS TO BE
- 19 DISMISSED.
- 20 AND THEN THE QUESTION IS: DO THEY GET TO TRY AGAIN FOR A
- 21 FOURTH TIME?
- 22 BY THE WAY, IT IS ALSO CONSISTENT -- THE NOTION THAT THEY
- 23 CAN'T PLEAD DIRECT INFRINGEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THAT EXHIBIT
- 24 EIGHT TO THEIR COMPLAINT WHICH IS -- PURPORTS TO BE A PRINTOUT
- 25 FROM A THIRD-PARTY WEBSITE. THAT'S ALL THE EVIDENCE THAT

- 1 SUPPORTS THE CLAIM.
- 2 THAT'S THE SAME EVIDENCE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR HONOR'S
- 3 EARLIER QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN PRIOR MOTIONS TO
- 4 DISMISS. THAT'S THE SAME EVIDENCE THAT THEY SHOWED TO JUDGE
- 5 NEUGENT IN OHIO TO SUGGEST THAT THEY OUGHT TO BE ALLOWED TO AMEND
- 6 THEIR COMPLAINT TO COMPLY WITH EVIDENCE THAT WOULD SUPPORT A
- 7 CLAIM AGAINST SAMSUNG.
- 8 THERE WAS EXHIBIT TWO TO THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION TO
- 9 DISMISS THE FIRST-AMENDED COMPLAINT. THEY NOW CLAIM WITH RESPECT
- 10 TO SAMSUNG FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT THIS IS A CASE ABOUT
- 11 CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT. AGAIN, NOT MENTIONED IN THE
- 12 SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT.
- 13 SO THIS WOULD BE PRESUMABLY A BASIS FOR REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO
- 14 AMEND AND TO FILE A THIRD-AMENDED COMPLAINT. BUT THE ALLEGATIONS
- 15 OF THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT CERTAINLY DON'T SUPPORT THAT
- 16 ARGUMENT. THE ALLEGATIONS IN THAT DOCUMENT LACK ESSENTIAL --
- 17 LACK THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF, NUMBER ONE, THAT SAMSUNG HAD
- 18 KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF INFRINGEMENT BY IDENTIFIED
- 19 INDIVIDUAL INFRINGERS.
- 20 AND NUMBER TWO, THAT SAMSUNG IN THIS INSTANCE BECAUSE THAT
- 21 INFRINGEMENT OCCURRED OVER INTERNET WEBSITES HAD DIRECT
- 22 MONITORING OR DIRECTLY MONITORED AND HAD DIRECT CONTROL OVER
- 23 THOSE THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES SUCH THAT IT COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT
- 24 THE INFRINGEMENT.
- THOSE ELEMENTS ARE ESTABLISHED IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT'S

- 1 PERFECT TEN VERSUS VISA CASE, AS WELL AS THE SECOND CIRCUIT'S
- 2 TIFFANY VERSUS EBAY CASE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE CITED IN OUR PAPERS.
- 3 ABSENT THOSE ELEMENTS THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT WON'T
- 4 SUPPORT CONTRIBUTORY LIABILITY AGAINST SAMSUNG AND, THEREFORE,
- 5 THE NOTION THAT THIS -- THAT PLAINTIFF CLAIMS THIS IS A
- 6 CONTRIBUTORY LIABILITY CASE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO SAVE THE
- 7 SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT.
- 8 SIMILARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT AND
- 9 THE LAST POINT I'LL MAKE WITH RESPECT TO DISMISSAL OF THAT
- 10 DOCUMENT IS AS TO THE FALSE ADVERTISING LAW AND THE UNFAIR
- 11 COMPETITION LAW, THE PRECEDENCE FROM DISTRICT COURTS WITHIN THE
- 12 NINTH CIRCUIT IS THAT THOSE CLAIMS BECAUSE THEY SOUND IN
- 13 MISREPRESENTATION MUST MEET THE HEIGHTENED PLEADING STANDARD OF
- 14 RULE 9 (B).
- 15 SO THERE HAS TO BE ALLEGATIONS OF THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE
- 16 AND HOW, SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF THE TIME, PLACE AND CONTENT OF
- 17 THE REPRESENTATIONS THAT GIVE RISE TO LIABILITY, NONE OF WHICH IS
- 18 IN THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT.
- 19 AND I DO WANT TO -- IF I MAY, YOUR HONOR, I WANT TO CITE TWO
- 20 CASES BECAUSE I DIDN'T ARGUE THAT PRINCIPLE IN OUR BRIEF. THE
- 21 TWO CASES WOULD BE WITH RESPECT TO THE FALSE ADVERTISING LAW
- 22 EPICOR, E-P-I-C-O-R, SOFTWARE CORPORATION VERSUS ALTERNATE TECH
- 23 SOLUTIONS 2013 WESTLAW, 2382262 AT STAR FOUR.
- 24 AND THEN, WITH RESPECT TO THE UNFAIR COMPETITION LAWS,
- 25 HERRON, H-E-R-R-O-N, VERSUS BEST BUY COMPANY, 924 F.SUPP2D 1161

- 1 AT 1170.
- 2 THAT THEN BRINGS US TO THE QUESTION OF DISMISSAL WITH
- 3 PREJUDICE, THE QUESTION YOU ASKED COUNSEL:
- 4 "SO IF I DISMISS THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT SHOULD
- 5 THEY BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLEAD A THIRD-AMENDED
- 6 COMPLAINT AGAINST SAMSUNG?"
- 7 AND THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS PRETTY CLEARLY NO. AND
- 8 SOME OF THE ANSWERS THAT PLAINTIFF HAS GIVEN YOU THIS MORNING I
- 9 THINK SUBSTANTIATE THAT, THAT CONCLUSION.
- 10 THE PLAINTIFF SEEKS TO AMEND BASED ON SOME EXHIBITS THAT
- 11 YOUR HONOR HAS INDICATED THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE INTO
- 12 ACCOUNT, THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THE MOTION TO DISMISS. I WOULD
- 13 NOTE THAT THOSE DOCUMENTS ONLY UNDERSCORE THE FUTILITY OF AN
- 14 AMENDMENT TO ADD A SECONDARY LIABILITY CLAIM OR CONTRIBUTORY
- 15 LIABILITY CLAIM AGAINST SAMSUNG.
- 16 WHAT DO THEY SHOW? THERE ARE SIX EXHIBITS. THE FIRST THREE
- 17 PURPORT TO BE MORE PRINTOUTS FROM THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES. WEBSITE
- 18 CALLED "PLAY.MOB.ORG."
- 19 ANOTHER ONE CALLED "MOBILESM" -- I'M SORRY. "MOBILESMSPK."
- 20 AND A THIRD ONE CALLED "MOBILES24.CO," WHICH PLAINTIFF CONCEDES
- 21 ARE THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES. AND THERE'S NO INDICATION OR NO
- 22 ALLEGATION OR INDICATION THAT ANY OF THOSE WEBSITES ARE RUN OR IN
- 23 ANY WAY CONTROLLED BY SAMSUNG.
- 24 PLAINTIFF ALLEGES IN THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT AND MAKES
- NO INDICATION IN ITS OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION TO DISMISS THAT IT

- 1 HAS ANY ABILITY TO ALLEGE IN A THIRD-AMENDED COMPLAINT THAT
- 2 SAMSUNG HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFIC INFRINGEMENT ON THOSE
- 3 SITES, OF THE SPECIFIC APPS THAT IT HAS IDENTIFIED ON THOSE SITES
- 4 AS INFRINGING OR THAT SAMSUNG HAD ANY ABILITY TO CONTROL THOSE
- 5 SITES EVEN IF THERE WERE KNOWLEDGE.
- 6 WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO MAKE THOSE ALLEGATIONS, THE PLAINTIFF
- 7 CAN'T ALLEGE A SECONDARY OR A CONTRIBUTORY LIABILITY CLAIM
- 8 AGAINST SAMSUNG, AND THEREFORE, THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE FUTILE.
- 9 WE WOULD SIMPLY BE BACK HERE AGAIN ON ANOTHER MOTION TO
- 10 DISMISS.
- WITH RESPECT TO EXHIBITS FOUR THROUGH SIX IN THAT COMPLAINT,
- 12 ALL OF THOSE ARE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF VARIOUS
- 13 SAMSUNG-RELATED WEBSITES, NONE OF WHICH ARE AT ALL RELATED TO THE
- 14 THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES THAT THE PLAINTIFF HAS PUT FORWARD AS
- 15 EVIDENCE OF WHAT THEY ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT. SO THERE'S NO
- 16 INDICATION THAT ANY OF THOSE WEBSITES OR THAT THERE'S ANY
- 17 INFRINGEMENT RELATED TO THE SAMSUNG DEVELOPER'S WEBSITE WHICH IS
- 18 EXHIBIT -- WHICH IS THE TERMS FOR WHICH ARE EXHIBIT FOUR. OR
- 19 THAT THERE'S ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES
- 20 THAT PLAINTIFF HAS IDENTIFIED AND THE GALAXY APPS SITE WHICH IS
- 21 REVIEW AND CONDITIONS FOR WHICH ARE IN EXHIBIT FIVE, OR THE
- 22 SELLER.SAMSUNGAPPS.COM SITE, TERMS OF WHICH ARE IN EXHIBIT SIX.
- SO EVEN IF THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WERE TO ESTABLISH SOME
- 24 SORT OF PROCESS THAT MIGHT LEAD ONE TO CONCLUDE THAT IF YOU WENT
- 25 THROUGH THAT PROCESS SAMSUNG MIGHT KNOW OR HAVE REASON TO KNOW

- 1 THAT THERE WAS INFRINGEMENT ON A SITE, THERE'S NO INDICATION AND
- 2 NO ALLEGATION THAT ANY OF THE THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES AT ISSUE HERE
- 3 IS AT ALL RELATED TO THOSE SITES.
- 4 MOREOVER, IF YOU LOOK AT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHAT THEY
- 5 ESSENTIALLY SAY IS THAT SAMSUNG HAS RESERVED ITS RIGHT TO REVIEW
- 6 SUBMISSIONS BY CERTAIN THIRD PARTIES. IT DOESN'T SAY
- 7 SPECIFICALLY THAT THAT REVIEW WILL ALWAYS TAKE PLACE. IT DOESN'T
- 8 SAY SPECIFICALLY WHAT THAT REVIEW WILL ALWAYS ENTAIL, NOR DOES IT
- 9 ESTABLISH THE KEY ELEMENT OF CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK LIABILITY,
- 10 WHICH IS THE ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF
- 11 INFRINGEMENT BY AN IDENTIFIED THIRD PARTY.
- 12 FINALLY, I WANT TO THE TOUCH BRIEFLY ON ONE POINT SINCE IT'S
- 13 BEEN RAISED A NUMBER OF TIMES, WHICH IS THIS 2011 LETTER OR
- 14 PURPORTED LETTER. AGAIN, AS YOUR HONOR NOTED, NOT AUTHENTICATED
- 15 BUT ATTACHED TO THE SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT TO SAMSUNG. FIRST
- 16 OF ALL, TO SAMSUNG IN KOREA, NOT TO THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE,
- 17 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA.
- BUT LEAVING THAT POINT ASIDE, THAT LETTER DOES NOT REFERENCE
- 19 PLAINTIFF'S TRADEMARK. IT REFERENCES TWO GAMES CALLED FREE KICK
- 20 LEGENDS AND FREE KICK CARNIVAL. NEITHER OF THOSE GAMES IS AT
- 21 ISSUE IN THIS CASE.
- 22 NEITHER OF THOSE GAMES USES THE FREE KICK MASTER TRADEMARK.
- 23 IT'S THOSE THREE WORDS THAT MAKE UP THE TRADEMARK. NOR IS IT
- 24 REALLY CONCEIVABLE THAT EITHER OF THOSE GAMES WOULD INFRINGE THE
- 25 MARK, GIVEN THE UBIQUITOUS AND GENERIC USE OF THE TERM "FREE

- 1 KICK." VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE THAT THAT COULD EVEN BE A
- 2 TRADEMARK.
- 3 AND THERE'S NO CLAIM THAT AND NO ALLEGATION AT ALL ONE WAY
- 4 OR ANOTHER WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER THOSE GAMES ARE STILL
- 5 AVAILABLE, WHAT HAPPENED IN RESPONSE TO THE LETTER, WHETHER THE
- 6 GAMES WERE TAKEN DOWN, WHETHER SAMSUNG EVEN HAD THE ABILITY TO
- 7 TAKE THE GAMES DOWN.
- 8 BUT LEAVING ALL THAT ASIDE, THEY SIMPLY DON'T USE
- 9 PLAINTIFF'S TRADEMARK AND, THEREFORE, THE LETTER IS ESSENTIALLY
- 10 IRRELEVANT TO THE ISSUES BEFORE THIS COURT.
- 11 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.
- 12 MR. PAGE: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 13 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. RESPONSE.
- MR. ALKANA: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.
- 15 **THE COURT:** GOOD MORNING.
- MR. ALKANA: EUGENE ALKANA.
- 17 IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOTION TO DISMISS BY SAMSUNG, I THINK
- 18 IT'S PRETTY CLEAR FROM THE DISCUSSIONS THAT SAMSUNG OCCUPIES A
- 19 DIFFERENT POSITION THAN BOTH GOGGLE AND AMAZON IN THE SENSE THAT
- 20 FREE KICK MASTERS DID PROVIDE A NOTICE CONCERNING A POTENTIAL
- 21 INFRINGEMENT IN 2011. THAT WAS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THE
- 22 COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FREE KICK MASTERS AND SAMSUNG. THERE WERE
- 23 OTHER COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WERE NOT ATTACHED TO THE COMPLAINT BUT
- 24 FOR PURPOSES OF THE COMPLAINT --
- THE COURT: SO WHY DID YOU SELECT THAT EXAMPLE THAT'S

- 1 IRRELEVANT TO THE TRADEMARK AT ISSUE HERE?
- 2 MR. ALKANA: BECAUSE THAT AT THE TIME WAS THE MOST
- 3 EASIEST AND MOST AVAILABLE DOCUMENT TO SHOW THAT THERE WAS A
- 4 DEMAND UPON THE DEFENDANT SAMSUNG TO CEASE THE USE OF THE FREE
- 5 KICK MASTERS.
- 6 THE COURT: WERE THERE OTHER SIMILAR DEMANDS?
- 7 MR. ALKANA: THERE ARE OTHER TEXT MESSAGES. I DON'T
- 8 KNOW THAT THERE'S ANOTHER LETTER OF THE SAME VEIN, BUT I KNOW
- 9 THERE'S OTHER COMMUNICATIONS.
- 10 **THE COURT:** AND ARE THERE COMMUNICATIONS THAT DEAL
- 11 SPECIFICALLY WITH THE TRADEMARK AT ISSUE HERE?
- MR. ALKANA: YES, THERE ARE. SO I THINK IN TERMS OF
- 13 THE KNOWLEDGE ISSUE I THINK THAT THE PLAINTIFF SHOULD BE GRANTED
- 14 LEAVE TO AMEND. IT SEEMS THAT THE KNOWLEDGE IS THE PRIMARY ISSUE
- 15 IN THIS CASE, IN TERMS OF A CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTORY LIABILITY.
- 16 THE COURT: AND THE CLAIM IS FOR CONTRIBUTORY
- 17 LIABILITY?
- 18 MR. ALKANA: NO. NO. I THINK THAT THE PLAINTIFF COULD
- 19 STATE A CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTORY LIABILITY.
- 20 **THE COURT:** IS THE CLAIM AS STATED ONE FOR DIRECT
- 21 LIABILITY?
- MR. ALKANA: IT IS.
- 23 **THE COURT:** AGAINST ALL THE DEFENDANTS.
- MR. ALKANA: THE WAY IT'S PLED? YES.
- 25 **THE COURT:** AGAINST ALL THE DEFENDANTS.

- 1 MR. ALKANA: YES.
- 2 THE COURT: OKAY. SO THERE IS NO ALLEGATION OF
- 3 CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT.
- 4 MR. ALKANA: NOT IN THE COMPLAINT.
- 5 THE COURT: WHICH COUNSEL FOR GOGGLE AND AMAZON HAS
- 6 SAID HE INFERRED FROM THE LANGUAGE BECAUSE THERE COULD BE NO
- 7 DIRECT INFRINGEMENT.
- 8 MR. ALKANA: I DON'T AGREE WITH THE FACT THAT
- 9 COUNSEL -- WITH COUNSEL'S ASSESSMENT THAT THERE COULD BE NO
- 10 DIRECT INFRINGEMENT. I THINK IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE AS TO
- 11 SAMSUNG, SAMSUNG WAS ADVERTISING A FREE PHONE -- A PHONE --
- 12 SAMSUNG WAS ADVERTISING A PHONE THAT COULD PLAY THE FREE KICK
- 13 MASTERS APP. SO I THINK THAT THERE IS A CLAIM FOR DIRECT
- 14 INFRINGEMENT. SO I DON'T AGREE WITH COUNSEL THAT THERE CANNOT BE
- 15 A DIRECT INFRINGEMENT CLAIM.
- 16 I THINK IN ADDITION THERETO I THINK PLAINTIFF SHOULD BE
- 17 GRANTED LEAVE TO AMEND TO STATE A CONTRIBUTORY LIABILITY THEORY.
- 18 **THE COURT:** OKAY. WHICH YOU HAVE NOT ASSERTED?
- 19 MR. ALKANA: MY READING OF THE COMPLAINT IS NO, IT'S
- 20 NOT BEEN ASSERTED.
- 21 **THE COURT:** OKAY.
- 22 MR. ALKANA: I THINK A FAIR READING OF THE COMPLAINT IS
- 23 THAT THEY ARE ALL DIRECT INFRINGEMENT CLAIMS.
- 24 **THE COURT:** IS THAT WHAT WAS INTENDED?
- MR. ALKANA: YES.

- 1 THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
- 2 MR. ALKANA: NO. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY REAL HARM
- 3 TO THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE IF THE PLAINTIFF IS GIVEN ANOTHER
- 4 CHANCE TO AMEND. THIS IS THE FIRST HEARING ON THE MOTION TO
- 5 DISMISS. THERE HAS BEEN OBVIOUSLY PRIOR PLEADINGS, BUT IN TERMS
- 6 OF THE ASSERTIONS BY THE PLAINTIFF I THINK THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS
- 7 CAN BE STATED.
- 8 I THINK THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS ARE MERITORIOUS. I THINK THE
- 9 PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS ARE SUBSTANTIAL.
- 10 THE COURT: AND AS TO SAMSUNG WHAT WOULD AN AMENDED
- 11 COMPLAINT ASSERT?
- MR. ALKANA: WELL, IT WOULD BE FAR MORE SPECIFIC IN
- 13 TERMS OF OUR CONTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO DIRECT INFRINGEMENT
- 14 BECAUSE I THINK THAT THERE IS A DIRECT INFRINGEMENT CLAIM. AND
- 15 AS TO CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT, IT WOULD BE FAR MORE DIRECT IN
- 16 TERMS OF THE NOTICE.
- 17 **THE COURT:** SO YOU WOULD LIKE LEAVE TO ADD A CLAIM FOR
- 18 CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT.
- MR. ALKANA: I WOULD, YES.
- THE COURT: BECAUSE, AS YOU SAID, IT DOES NOT CLEARLY
- 21 ASSERT ONE NOW.
- 22 MR. ALKANA: YES, THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
- THE COURT: OKAY. AND AS TO THE DEFENDANTS' KNOWLEDGE,
- 24 WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WOULD YOU ADD?
- MR. ALKANA: I WOULD GO BACK AND OBTAIN THE E-MAILS, OR

- 1 EXCUSE ME, THE PRIOR COMMUNICATIONS TO ATTACH THOSE AS EXHIBITS.
- 2 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT.
- 3 MR. ALKANA: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 4 THE COURT: IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE? DID YOU WISH TO
- 5 RESPOND?
- 6 MR. ULIN: VERY BRIEFLY, YOUR HONOR. WITH RESPECT TO
- 7 GOING BACK AND GETTING ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS AND INFORMATION THIS
- 8 IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY TOLD JUDGE NEUGENT MONTHS AGO. AND THEN
- 9 THEY CAME FORWARD WITH HIS SECOND-AMENDED COMPLAINT. AND THEN,
- 10 IN RESPONSE TO THIS MOTION TO DISMISS THEY CAME FORWARD WITH
- 11 ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS, NONE OF WHICH ESTABLISHED EITHER DIRECT
- 12 LIABILITY OR CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT FOR SAMSUNG,
- 13 FAILING TO ESTABLISH EITHER OUR USE OF THE MARK, OR TO ESTABLISH
- 14 THE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND CONTROL, OR TO SUBSTANTIATE AN
- 15 ALLEGATION OF THOSE ELEMENTS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO SECONDARY
- 16 TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT.
- JUST TWO QUICK POINTS. ONE WITH RESPECT TO THE 2011 LETTER,
- 18 WHICH IS NOW BEEN CITED AS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATIONS,
- 19 WHAT IT APPEARS PLAINTIFF IS SUGGESTING IS THAT THERE'S SOME SORT
- 20 OF GENERALIZED NOTICE GIVEN TO SAMSUNG WITH RESPECT TO THE
- 21 EXISTENCE OF INFRINGING GAMES OUT THERE IN THE MARKETPLACE, WHICH
- 22 IS EXACTLY WHAT PERFECT TEN AND TIFFANY VERSUS EBAY SAID IS NOT
- 23 SUFFICIENT TO STATE A CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTORY TRADEMARK LIABILITY.
- AND THEN, SECONDLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER
- 25 SAMSUNG ADVERTISED A PHONE THAT COULD PLAY THE FREE KICK MASTER

- 1 APP, FIRST OF ALL I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT THAT MEANS. I'M SURE
- 2 WE ADVERTISED PHONES AND DEVICES. YOU KNOW, WHETHER THERE'S AN
- 3 ALLEGATION THAT THOSE ADVERTISEMENTS ACTUALLY CONTAINED REFERENCE
- 4 TO FREE KICK MASTER, THERE CERTAINLY HASN'T BEEN ANY THAT HAS
- 5 BEEN MADE THUS FAR, AND THERE'S BEEN NOTHING THAT HAS BEEN PUT
- 6 FORWARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOTIONS OR ATTACHED TO THE PRIOR
- 7 COMPLAINTS THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIATE THAT ALLEGATION.
- 8 IN FACT, THE ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT THAT SUGGESTS THAT
- 9 THERE HAS BEEN ADVERTISEMENT BY SAMSUNG OF FREE KICK MASTER GAMES
- 10 IS MADE WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO EXHIBIT EIGHT TO THE
- 11 COMPLAINT, WHICH PLAINTIFF ACKNOWLEDGES IS A THIRD-PARTY WEBSITE
- 12 TOTALLY UNASSOCIATED WITH SAMSUNG.
- 13 SO THE VERY DOCUMENTS THAT THE PLAINTIFF HAS PUT BEFORE THE
- 14 COURT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS COMPLAINT AND WITH THIS MOTION BELIE
- 15 THAT CLAIM AND THE CLAIM THAT IT COULD POSSIBLY SUSTAIN AN
- 16 AMENDMENT THAT WOULD BE VALID.
- 17 **THE COURT:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.
- 18 MR. PAGE: THANK YOU.
- 19 **THE COURT:** ALL RIGHT. MATTER STANDS SUBMITTED.
- 20 (THEREUPON, THIS HEARING WAS CONCLUDED.)

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